



**MATSUDA SAYS:**

# **ETHNIC STUDIES TO BE A REGULAR UNIFIED PROGRAM AT U.H.**

**BUT U.H. ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO  
DESTROY E.S.P.'s ORIENTATION and PERSPECTIVE**

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**DEFEND ETHNIC STUDIES!**

# **RALLY! MAY 18**

**CAMPUS CENTER  
COURTYARD**

**WEDNESDAY 1:30pm**

**AFTERWARDS WE WILL PRESENT OUR DEMANDS AT THE UH BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING AT CAMPUS  
CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM AT 2PM!**

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Last week the position of the Manoa Administration became clear. They were still trying to destroy the Ethnic Studies Program. Over the weekend we organized a massive phone-in to the Governor and President Matsuda. This great community pressure forced President Matsuda to change Chancellor Yamamura's position and agree to make Ethnic Studies a regular program at Manoa. However Matsuda has attached strings to his proposal, strings that could hang Ethnic Studies if we are not vigilant.

President Matsuda has stated that he will recommend (to the Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Committee which will be meeting this Wednesday, May 18) that the ES Program become a regular part of Manoa, coming up for review after three years. Matsuda also said that Dean Contois will appoint an Advisory Committee which will select an interim Director. There is no commitment to hire back the present staff and Director. All decisions about staffing for next fall will be up to the Advisory Committee in "consultation" with the present staff and Director.

We must be clear that forcing Matsuda to recommend that ES become a regular program is a great victory. As a result of mass support, we have beaten back all blatant attempts by the U.H. Administration to wipe out Ethnic Studies, from Ashton's "Dispersement" recommendation of last November to the Chancellor's recommendation to "withhold" regular status. Ethnic Studies may now get a chance to continue its work -- teaching the multi-ethnic people of Hawaii their history from their own perspective and trying to serve the needs of the community. The struggle to defend Ethnic Studies has now reached a new level. We must now fight to maintain the Program's working and common people's orientation and perspective. We must defeat all efforts to co-opt the Program and destroy Ethnic Studies from within.

In order for the Program to continue to serve the people of Hawaii its current orientation and perspective must continue. Thus the following demands must be met:

1. *The Program's current orientation and perspective must be supported. The Program's positive achievements should be strengthened.*

Matsuda's report to the BOR contains misleading criticisms of the Program's "academic quality" and almost totally disregards the tremendous accomplishments of the ES faculty. Nothing is even mentioned of ESP's unique and innovative approach to teaching. The Administration persists in applying "standard university/academic norms" to Ethnic Studies in order to force it to become like any other academic program at Manoa.

2. *Davianna McGregor-Alegado, the Ethnic Studies Program's present Acting-Director, must become the Program's interim Director. The present staff of ES must also continue in the interim.*

It is clear that if the Program's present orientation and perspective is to continue our present staff and Acting Director must be rehired. No commitment has been given by Matsuda to do this. The Advisory Committee could recommend a new Director and staff who are hostile to our present orientation and perspective, thus destroying ES from within.

3. *The Ethnic Studies staff will consult with the Advisory Committee. Actions should initiate from the ES staff. The Committee must not take over the responsibility of the Program staff and become a means to control and destroy Ethnic Studies.*

The Advisory Committee can be a good thing for ES, if the members of the Committee are sincere and serious about developing the Program. But if it is hostile, it will be opposed.

4. *Matsuda recommends ES be reviewed after three years. All other programs are reviewed after four years. ES must be reviewed like any other Program -- at the end of four years of instruction.*

5. *Dean Contois, who will be in charge of the Advisory Committee, in a May 6 letter to the Chancellor stated: "Finally, there would be a number of attendant difficulties in implementation of the EFPC's (a faculty committee reviewing ES) recommendation which basically involves wiping the slate clean and beginning anew. Although there would be no problem in phasing out the existing program, it's highly unlikely that it could be recast and put in place again by next August." (emphasis ours) This hostile stand must be repudiated.*

6. *The selection of a permanent Director for Ethnic Studies must be based on a consensus agreement between the ESP staff and the Advisory Committee.*

7. *The Faculty Senate in its resolution of support for ES stated: "Be it further resolved that the UH make extraordinary efforts to obtain support for the present ESP's faculty to enable them to qualify for regular instructional positions at the UH." This position should be clarified and should be implemented.*